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66,000 KILOMETERS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PLANNED

From an authoritative source it is learned that the repair of existing motor highways and construction of new main motor roads is to be pushed by the People's Government to the extent of some 66,000 kilometers within the next 5 years. The approximate figures by sections and years are as follows:

	<u>1st Yr</u>	<u>2d Yr</u>	<u>3d Yr</u>	<u>4th Yr</u>	<u>5th Yr</u>	<u>Total</u>
Northeast	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,000
North China	1,450	2,700	2,400	3,350	1,700	11,600
Central China	2,200	3,800	2,300	1,250	1,900	11,450
South China	1,300	600	3,200	2,350	2,250	9,900
Southwest	1,200	1,300	1,300	2,400		9,200
Northwest	1,600	1,900	2,200	1,800	2,000	9,500
Sinkiang	1,000	700	650	2,400	350	5,100
Ts'ungshai and Sinkiang	1,250	--	500	--	1,850	3,600
Inner Mongolia	--	--	--	400	250	650
Total	11,200	12,000	13,550	14,950	14,300	66,000

Shen-yang (Mukden) -- In addition to about 40 women already trained to work in the railroad shops as lathe operators, electric welders, warehouse keepers, etc., the Chinese Ch'ang-ch'un Railroad in Manchuria is now training seven women to operate locomotives. This training began in June 1948, and by March 1950, these women will be ready for jobs as locomotive engineers, conductors, or firemen.

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